### LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Majority and Minority Reports on the Metropolitan Police Bill.

Representative Best Introduces a Bill to Amend the Liquor Law.

How Mr. Cartwright's Fee and Salary Bill Affects County Officers.

The Knightstown Home Committee Meet and Continue the Investigation-The Testimony.

Hons, William H. Calkins and En Herderson were upod the floor of the House yesterday.

Mr. Williams' bill fixing the legal rate of interest at 6 per cent was defeated in the House, yesterday, by a vate of 67 to 27.

The Prison Committee will visit the instidution at Jeffersonville to day, having left for that point on the 3:50 train yesterday afternoon. Hon. John W. Foster, United States

Minister to Spain, was introduced to the nembers of the Senate by the presiding efficer yesterday. Mr. Robinson has introduced a bill to amend the fee and salary law, preventing Boards of County Commissioners from mak-

ing any allowances not specifically provided for by law. If the proposed amendment to the Metrorolital Police bill should be passed it will apply to Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, Richmond. New Albany, Lafavette and Logans-

ort, whereat there is much kicking among the Republicans. Majority and minority reports were made ssterday to the House on the Metropolitan Police bill, the first with an amendment that its provisions be made to extend to cities of 12 000 or more inhabitants, and the second recommending that the bill be indefinitely

A bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday to fund and loan at interest the 10 per cent, relained according to law by the State-house Commissioners on all appropriations for labor or building on the new State-house. The amount retained now reaches \$100,000.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 for the State University at Bloomington was read a second time. An amendment reducing the appropriation to \$30,000 came up as the minority report and was discussed, the House adjourning without taking action on the bill or the amendment.

State Treasurer Cooper is busy getting his bondsmen, and those already secured represent an aggregato real estate value of \$895,-000. Under the new law requiring the condemen to be worth twice the amount of the bond, the signers must represent \$1,400. 100 and Mr. Cooper hopes to have his bond ready for approval by the last of next week.

Chairman Moedy, of the committee appointed to investigate the expenditures of the new insane hospitals, announced yesterday that he had been unable to get any witnesses before the committee owing to the fact that those summoned were snow bound. The committee will not hold another meeting till to-morrow.

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House reported adversely, yesterday, on the scheme for placing the Soldiers' Orphans' Home and Asylum for Feeble Minded Children on separate Boards of Trustees. An investigation proved that the children of the two institutions occupied different buildings, were taught and slept and ate in different appartments, and had separate play grounds. Representative Best yesterday introduced

a bill which is the nature of a local option aw. It provides that no person shall be licensed to sell liquor unless he shall first present to the County Commissioners a petition, signed by at least one half of the quali-tied voters of the precinct in which he proposes to sell, asking that the applicant be granted. No other changes are proposed in the existing statue.

Immediately after the adjournment of the House yesterday evening the Democrats went into caucus, and determined to postpone the meeting called for last night. On motion it was decided to hold a joint caucus to-night in the Hall of Representatives, at which time the Apportionment and Metro-Republicans will also meet in cancus tonight in the Federal Court-room to consider proposed legislation.

Mr. Floyd's bill, providing that county printing shall be let under contract to the lowest bidder, came up yesterday on a second reading. Under the bill the county ewspaper, without regard to politics, will the contract for which shall be made for the period of one year, the successful bideer giving bond in the sam of \$500. Mr. Browning moved to strike out the enacting c suse and up n this a tedious discussion followed. The bill was recommitted

The Senate bil! providing for a temporary loan of \$600,000, to meet the expenses of the new insane asylums, came up in the House yesterday afternoon as the special order. The fact that a committee has been appointed to investigate the expenditures and other matters connected with the new instisideration of the bill until after the special committee bad reported. Mr. Gooding moved to postpone further consideration of the measure till Wednesday next. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Cartwright's substitute for the Mosier and Best Fee and Salary bills, was reported vesterday, and is understood to be backed by the unanimous indorsement of the conmittee. It reduces the compensation of Founty Clerks, Auditors. Treasurers and Sherit's from the present allowance, and increases the per diem of jurors from \$1.60 to \$1.75. It makes a reduction of one-fourth of ne per cent, in the commission of County Treasurers for the collection of taxes in excess of \$100,000, and reduces the annual saluries of Auditors in counties of 40.000 population \$7.50 and in counties of 20.000 inhabitation \$7.50 and inhabitation \$7.50 Jation \$750, and in counties of 20,000 inhab-

The Metropolitan Fire Department bill will be introduced by Mr. Schley, of this county. It makes no change in the present working force of the department, but it provides that whenever vacancies occur, appointments shall be made from the opposite political petin faith, until the forces are equalized. All applicants will be subjected to medical examination for physical defects, but none now as on members will be so examined, nor are there size.

to be any removals, save for cause. The bill siso provides that the present Police Commissioners shall serve in such capacity with the fire department, and exercise the same powers now held by them.

THE KNIGHTSTOWN INVESTIGATION. Charley Musey, acting as night watchman part of the time at the Knightstown Home. was the first witness on the stand last night. He testified that on a certain Sunday afternoon he went out west of the building with | We add that we see no reason why a newspathe engineer. He saw the blinds of Dr. White's office drawn down. Nellie Layton, She went in and was talking with the Doetor, who had gone in about ten minutes before that. Also saw Nellis Layton and Carrie White go into Room 42 at 8:30 p. m., three days after Christmas. Also have seen all the teachers in that room at different times. Never raw any other improper conduct on the part of Nellie Layton. Saw a boy named Ed Bowler whipped pretty hard. Knew of two boys being locked no in the

Mary Stohig, store keeper, was recalled for a centinuation of ex-mination begun the other day. She said the governess sometings takes the couldren from the dinnerable as a punishment for talking This was therule of the Home Some boys claimed to have been sent away bungry when they had violated no rule, but witness did not believe them. The half hour given the children to eat she thought sufficient. Mr. rezieton complained once of having too mary tables to watch and Miss Clary was given charge of one of them. One boy complained that he was not given enough to eat, and she then nede bim eat more than be wanted next time. Witness disapproved of this and was promised it should not occur again. No requisition was ever made for bread and water for children confined in the dungeons. The matron should look after the children's clothing a little better. I think Dr. White's conduct has been overbearing in several it stances. I think he has permitted employes to inflict cruel punishment on some of the populs. When the raw hide was used on Eddie Bowman, and other instances given heretofore, I thought were cruel. Dr. White said he was Euperintendent and approved of the punishn ent. When Morgan was impudent to me I complsited to Ir White. He said complaints were also made against me. He atterward said he directed the punishments; also promptly the following red to in complaint. I complained to Ir White. He said comthat "he did not want these matters to get in interrogatories: the papers." Heard that he sometimes locked the door when talking to the female employes. Mrs. Moore said he did this when he talked with her. Two of the teachers and myself are not on good terms with Mrs. White. Harmony in the institution is a thing of the past. The trouble is mostly among the Superintendent, teachers and matron. Don't think Dr. White is the proper person to have control of the institution. Morgan was very rude to me and I reported him for it. When he was removed he was promoted, and several weeks later he was

Mrs. Martha Adams, of 51 Bradshaw street, an old lady, was called to the stand. Her grandchild is Hattie Robertson, aged seventeen. Hattie went to the Home when seven years old and stayed there seven years. First saw Goar in front of my house July 2, when he came to see Hattie. They went together, saying they were going to the Grand Hotel to see Goar's wife. Hattie came home an hour later, and sat down by me. Hattie went before the Grand Jury in this case. Witness stated that she was married twice, and that her right name is Green, but she goes by the name of Adams. When living at Shelbyville one of her daughters, also a widow, went to India.

Mr. Gear presented an affidavit to the effect that he could not successfully present the case against Dr. White without an expert accountant, and he asked a week's time in go over the books with an accountant. The matter will be presented this morning to the Legislature.

## THE VICE PRESIDENT.

Return of Mr. Hendricks from the New Orleans Exposition-Brief Notes of the Trip.

Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks and wife, with the party of home friends who accompanied them to New Orleans, returned yesterday. Mr. Hendricks expressed himself as being highly pleased with his reception by the Southern people, and astonished at the appearance of material prosperity throughout his line of travel and observation. Especially was this notable at points favorable to manufacturing interests. The catton mills located in the neighborhood of Columbus, Gs., are exceedingly prosperous and the water-power admirable and of great value. He alluded to the large and cordial reception he met with at Atlanta in terms of admiration and pleasure. The details of this generous welcome were telegraphed to the Northern papers by the Associated Press.

Mr. Hendricks was surprised at the appearance of Birmingham, Ala., a town not set twelve years old and yet it contains 20 000 people, with large and handsome business structures that will compare favorably with those of Indianapolis. Magufacturing enterprises and interests built up the city. Coal, iron and limestone beds lie in close proximity to the city and they are easily reached by railroads, and almost inexhaustib.e. Mr. Hendricks visited the localities of the mines and expresses the opinion that they the non manufactured there will be eventuady made cheaper than anywhere in the world. Some lands there are quoted as worth many thousands of dollars per acre. He pronounces the World's Fair at New Orleans, in structure and exhibits, as perhaps the greatest exposition of the kind ever held anywhere. The number of visitors has not been large, but is rapidly increasing. All the States have contributed, and all the Territories except Utah. Mexico. Central America, Russia, France and Italy are represented. The eplendid productions of mechanical skill and agricultural growth sur-pass those of the Philadelphia Centennial. While in New Orleans Mr. Hendricks rode over the railroad running to the Gulf, recently constructed by our fellow-townsman, John R. Elder, Esq. Mr. Hendricks will remain at home until the inauguration, when he and Mrs. Hendricks will take up a temporary residence in Washington City at Wilard's Hotel.

## The Rinks.

To-night the Columbus, O., Polo Club will crack ships with the Meridian team at the Meridian Rink. A new scale of prices has been adopted, and will go into effect to-day. It is as follows: Morning, admission, ten cents, skates free; afternoon, admission, ten cents, skates free. Evening, admission, ten cents; use of skates, ten cents.

The "fine apron party" on Tuesday even-ing, at the College Avenue Rink, was a very from the quality of the material, to be competing for the prize—an elegant skate case— which was won by Miss Carrie Russel. The attendance last night, although not so large | the "White Slave." that made such a favoraas on the previous evening, was very fair in | ble impression with our theater goers last

### A WORD TO THE JOURNAL.

The Injustice Done by a Recent Publication in It.

We would say to our neighbor, the Journal, that no newspaper and no man is at any time nobler than when making the amende bonorable for an injustice done another. per should be given to publications with a view to injuring a contemporary or its pubhe said, had gone in there in the afternoon. I lister than an individual should be given to looking up a neighbor's business affairs and then with coloring or distortion repeating them to other individuals One Donahey brought suit in Justice Fei-

bleman's Court against Mr Shoemaker and the Sentinel. A set of interrogatories propounded to Mr. Shoemsker, and his answers hereto, constituted chiefly the papers in the proceeding. The Journal of the 10th printed under display headlines a somewhat sersational account of the bringing of the suit, and-within quoistion points-what purported to be the plaintiff's interrogatar'er. Below we present, side by side, an extract from the Journal article, including its quoted interregatories, and a copy of the interrogatories as they may be seen in Justice Feibleman's Court.

From the Journal. INTERROGATORIES IN THE EMBARKASSING

COURT, tate of Indiana, Marion County, ss. Before C. B. Feibleman, Justice. WILLIAM DONAHUE PUTS William H. Donaher SOME VERY POINTED IN-TERROGATORIES AT JOHN VS. John C. Shoemaker and the Indianapolis C. SHOEMAKER. Sentinel Company. In-

terrogatories: The papers were filed The plaintiff proin 'Squire Feibleman's pounds to the defendant, court yesterday fore John C. Shoemaker, the noon, and are made est following interrogatopecially interesting by ries, and asks the Court reason of certain ques-tions propounded by the the same under eath: plaintiff. Donahue 1. Did you notemploy claims to have been until recently in the em in getting the contract ploy of the Sentine referred to in the comcompany, and his claim plaint, and were you not is for \$20, said to be due to pay him \$150 for so for his alleged services doing in obtaining for the de- 2 Did you not procure fendants the contract for said contract, and did doing the Johnson Coun- not the plaintiff assist

ty printing and furnish you in procuring the ing its stationery. dopting the policy of Colonel 3. State fully what Shoemaker in the recent plaintiffdid, if anything, "Mr. Shoemaker, do furnish you with a copy you not know that you of a contract by W. B procured me to surrepti- Burlord to furnish said tiously obtain the bids of county her statione. ??

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Att'ys for Plaintiff.

for the work in question. and that you examined the said bids and made your own accordingly, and that the bids of the said Burford were then returned in the same manner in which they were obtained? "Do you not further know that I was, at the time alluded to, in the employ of the Sentinel hat he had no recollec-

Mr. Shoemaker filed a rejoinder to the effect tion of the occurrences referred to, and that he does not remember whether or not Donahue was at the time in the employ of the Sentinel

There are the two sets of interrogalorieshat published in quotation points by the longoal and that filed with the Court. The latter include certain simple inquiries, involving only a question of indebtedness. The Journal's questions insinuate moral turpitude against Mr. Shoemaker. We could not but believe that the Journal, when discovering its error, would make such correction as would show that no interrogator es intimating what the Journal had quoted had been filed. On yesterday the Journal did explain as follows:

Defendant Shoemaker states explicitly that he did not engage Donahey to surreptitiously obtain Burford's bids for the Johnson County printing. and the Journal was misinformed as to the exact language of Denahey's interrogotories, published

Why not have admitted that the Journal's interrogatories did Mr. Shoemaker gross injustice and that the innuendoss of dishonor in them were entirely unwarranted?

The whole thing has been bunglingly and unfairly treated by the Journal. There was no bid" made by Mr. Barford nor Mr. Shoemaker, and none was referred to in the suit. The contract referred to was one of several years before between Mr. Burford and the county, was a paper of record and only required copying as any other record. There was absolutely no ground for the suit, as was evidenced by the dismissal of the suit by Judge Feibleman on yesterday at plain-

But these details aside, the case was a commonplace lawsuit, with no features of seventy five cents. interest to the public, unless in the coloring and fringing given to it by the Journal. which in headline and text seemed to be only to injure Mr. Shoemaker. Does the Journal hold that upon any utterance, in or out of court, of any irresponsible scamp against the publishers of the Journal, its cotemporaries would be justified in making sensational publications of it-even going to the length of distortion? Our neighbor may so held, but we have acted on a different principle toward the Journal, and it will do reself more credit by, in future, adopting our

## AMUSEMENTS.

"THE CORNER GROCERY" AT ENGLISH'S. To-night Mr. Dan'l Sully, the greatest of rish comedians, will open a return engagement at English's Opera House in the biggest hit of the season, "The Corner Grocery." This comedy has had one of the most successful runs of any ever produced in this country. Mr. Sully needs no introduction to the theater-going public in this city, having played to packed houses at his engagement here during the first of the season. Master Malver, the "bad boy," is the brightest and best boy comedian of his age ever seen on the stage, and divides the honors with Mr. Sully, the dog and the policeman, At the valentine matinee, on Saturday, every lady and child attending will receive a handsome souvenir valentine. "The Corner Grocery" is a better comedy than its name would indicate. While it has all the movement, go and vim of such farce comedies of "Bunch of Keys," "Rag Baby," and others of that ilk, it has also an interesting plot, a tender love story and the portrait of an Irish character that the New York critics. conceded to be one of the best bits of acting on the stage. This is Mr. Sully's "Daddy Nelan." The comedy has been one of the genuine successes of the season. It has been played in the best of theaters, such as Mc-Vicker's in Chicago, Bidwell's in New Orleans, Havlin's in Cincinnati, and everywhere it is welcome to them. It will begin a twelve weeks' engagement in New York City in April, and will then go to San Fran-

RETURN OF THE "WHITE SLAVE." Bartley Campbeil's most successful drams, season and the season before, turning people

away and nightly posting the sign "standing room only." will return to the Grand Opera House this (Thursday) evening, February 12, for three nights and a matines. It will be a trying moment to the nerves of some timid ladies in witnessing the realistic fire scene on board the "Bell Creole" in the White Stave," the tongues of flames shooting upward ten to fifteen feet, the shower of sparks that fall on the stage, and the briliant red glare of a conflagration, all tend to make a picture so true to life that for a moment one may imagine it real, and vet there is not the alightest danger. Beneath the stage are stationed twelve men, each with a separate duty to perform. Two have charge of the battery, and at a "one" it is discharged, which forms the explosion. Directly beneath the opening used as a gangway are stationed two men with iron pans. In both pans are mixtures of ta viduat. steel mings and gun powder. A quick match ignites them. Sparks and flames are thus

rown up fully fifteen feet Then the remaining eight men begin to play their parts. Three pans of red fire are ignited, and flash boxes by which onlyer and rosin is blown into the flame or cotton, sainrated with alcohol, which produces the long flames of fire. This is kept up admist the acreams of the passengers unto the curtain alls on the borning "Belle Coo'e" Tue instant the curtain touches the stage six men make a rush to lend a hand in making the can do mation from the barning post to the Missesippt in a rain storm, while six men en ain beneath the stage to guide the water alling from the openines in the stage.

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Lotta is said to be quite a clever artist in waterscolors, and puts in all her spare time

Mathree at the Zoo to-day at 2. The bill given is a strong one, and seems to please

Miss Fannie Beane and Charles Gilday in their comedy of "Co lars and Cuffs" will b at English's the first three nights of next

Miss Marie Bates, the original of the part of "Martha" in the "White Slave," joins the company here to day to again resume her old position.

The beautiful display of valentine; in Frank Talbott's window, on the corner of Pennsylvania and Market streets, are to be given away to all the ladies and children attending Dan'i Sally's matinee on Sat-

Mr. George W. Floyd, manager of the N. C. Goodwin Comedy Company, is in the city and "not saying a word" Mr. Goodwin and company will be seen at the Grand the last bree nights of next week presenting "Those Bells' and "Confusion." The engagement will be for the benefit of the Indianapolis Fire Department.

The Dime Museum increases in popularity every day, and the excellent show given this week pleases everybody. Among the many clever artists who appear in the theatorium none are more deserving, or do a nester specialty, than Miss Daisy Belmont on the revolving globe. Some of the feats she accomplishes are truely marvelous. Saturday will be "children's day."

"Johnn'e" Farbach, a well known young man about town (who, by the way, is quite ill at his home on North Mississippi street), yesterday received a letter from "Jimmie" Cummings, dated San Francisco, Cal., in which he stated that be had just joined "Charlie" Feed's minstrels Cummings was in business here for sometime but suddenly disappeared, last summer, without any apparent cause. His friends here will not be surprised to learn that he has returned to his old profession.

A few weeks ago that popular organization the Maennerchor Singing Society produced the sparkling opera of "The Beggar Student' at their hall, and it was so favorably received that their friends prevailed upon them to sgain produce it at the Grand Opera House the first three nights of next week, when they will have the benefit of a arger stage and full orchestra. The entire original score by Swaith and W. W. Furst's probestration will be used. The mounting and costuming will be marvels of beauty, while a grand chorus of eighty voices will make a trilliant ensemble. The entire production will be under the personal supervision and direction of Professor Carl Barus. sale of seats opens to morrow morning at the theater. The prices range from fifteen to

"Out of the Depths"

A private dispatch from Dan DaWolf to a riend in this city states that the members of the lumbermen's excursion, who were new-bound at Monon, left that place, with air prospects of reaching the Michigan ineries without further delay.

#### Where Sallivan is Needed. [Chicago Heraid.]

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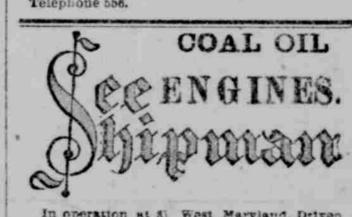
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